

Solar Energy South Africa

Shaping solar outdoor power generation



Overview

How can solar energy be used in urban settings?

Energy consumption and solar energy generation capacity in urban settings are key components that need to be well integrated into the design of buildings and neighborhoods, both new and existing, to achieve significant energy and GHG emission reduction goals 2. Photovoltaics (PV) application in buildings has been vastly researched, worldwide 3, 4.

Does solar energy improve urban sustainability?

Implementing solar energy systems enhances urban sustainability significantly . The potential of solar energy in urban blocks, especially with photovoltaic panels on rooftops, is heavily influenced by the nearby structures and the general layout of the urban area [7, 8].

How does urban morphology affect solar energy harvesting?

The urban morphology shapes the potential of solar energy harvesting . The roof and the facade of buildings actually act as a platform for the placement of solar collectors and photovoltaic systems; they also support optimized systems with the help of tailor-made urban layouts and morphological indicators.

How can we improve the adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV) technology?

Researchers are also developing new materials and device structures that could lead to new PV technologies that are even more efficient and affordable . Supportive policies are crucial for fostering the adoption of solar photovoltaic (PV) technology.

Do urban forms improve solar energy utilization?

Our simulations reveal that certain urban forms significantly enhance solar energy utilization and reduce cooling energy requirements. Notably, an optimal facade orientation and building density are critical for maximizing

solar potential and overall energy efficiency.

How does street layout affect solar energy harvesting?

Thus, the street layout affects building shape and building orientation, and as such it plays a significant part in solar energy harvesting, leading also to an impact on building energy and environmental performance 16.

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